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PRESIDENT: We proceed to General File. LB 579.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 579.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I request that be bracketed for a specific date, Thursday of this week.

PRESIDENT: Any objection? So ordered. Thursday of this week.

CLERK: LB 91.

PRESIDENT: Would Senator Simpson please return to the Chamber?

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 91 introduced by Senator Simpson. Read title. The bill was first considered on March 24th, 1975. At that time, the Committee amendments were adopted. The bill failed to advance. There are now a series of amendments offered by Senator Bereuter to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, colleagues, I distributed copies of my proposed amendments to you yesterday thinking we would reach that point on the agenda. I hope you are able to find them. They should be on your desk. LB 91. The purposes of these amendments, and there are eight, really are to restrict the Department of Health in its enforcement procedures only to those aspects of mobile home subdivisions or mobile home courts that relates strictly to utility connections and sanitation. Clearly, we do have problems in some parts of the state related to sanitation. The political subdivisions, in some cases, have adopted no codes. Therefore, we have some very unsanitary conditions. However, my basic concern about LB 91, and I expressed that last year on this floor, is that as it is currently written it is much too broad giving the Department of Health the ability to set standards for construction, like streets and lights and buildings and various arrangements of activities on these mobile home courts or in these mobile home subdivisions. While I think they would adopt a national standards that would provide an attractive environment, what they would really be doing is mandating the type of control which would increase the cost of housing by increasing the cost to the operator of these mobile home courts. Now if the localities would like to have high standards, they have that authority to set them. However, I have in order to keep housing costs down to a minimum for those people who only can afford mobile homes or who choose to live in mobile homes for whatever reason, this would enable them to find a place for those mobile homes under sanitary conditions but not mandating various standards for mobile courts, not taking away that decision from the political subdivisions. I have discussed these proposed amendments with the Department of Health. I have discussed it with the primary introducer